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SUBJ: CUBAN AMBASSADOR'S REMARKS

REFS: A) STATE 058019 B) BRIDGETOWN 0613 C) STATE 056727

1. WHILE PRESENTING HIS CREDENTIALS IN BARBADOS, CUBAN AMBASSADOR IVAN CESAR MARTINEZ MET WITH GOVERNMENT MINISTERS, SOME PRIVATE CITIZENS AND THE STATE-OWNED BROADCASTING SERVICES. SO FAR AS THE EMBASSY HAS BEEN ABLE TO ESTABLISH, MARTINEZ MONTALVO CONFINED BOTH HIS PUBLIC AND PRIVATE REMARKS TO DISCUSSIONS OF POSSIBLE AREAS OF COOPERATION BETWEEN CUBA AND BARBADOS. THE AREAS OF COOPERATION IDENTIFIED WERE PRIMARILY ECONOMIC AND COMMERCIAL IN NATURE--EXCHANGE OF SUGAR INDUSTRY INFORMATION, SPECIFICALLY CUBAN MECHANICAL HARVESTERS, CUBAN USES OF BAGASSE, BARBadian CANE VARIETIES; LIVESTOCK, GENERAL AGRICULTURE AND FISHERIES DEVELOPMENT;

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BARBadian PURCHASES OF FERTILIZER AND CEMENT.

2. IN HIS ONLY PUBLIC REMARKS, THE CUBAN AMBASSADOR TOLD A LOCAL TELEVISION/RADIO NEWSMAN MARCH 7 THAT CUBA WISHED TO INCREASE ITS COOPERATIVE EFFORTS WITH BARBADOS, BUT HE DETAILED ONLY THE SAME SPECIFIC AREAS NOTED IN PARA 1. THE CUBAN AMBASSADOR WOULD ONLY GIVE A STATEMENT AND

WOULD NOT SUBMIT TO ANY QUESTIONS.

3. EMBASSY HAS NOT YET DETERMINED THE FULL RANGE OF ACTIVITIES IN WHICH MARTINEZ MONTALVO ENGAGED WHILE IN BARBADOS. NOR HAVE WE HAD THE OPPORTUNITY TO MATTER-OF-FACTLY DISCUSS WITH GOB OFFICIALS THE TOPICS RAISED AND GENERAL IMPRESSIONS LEFT BY THE VISIT. WE WILL REPORT THESE FURTHER DETAILS AS THEY BECOME AVAILABLE.
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